

# The Bel Aire Breeze

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## One new member joins city council

By Chris Hunter

Only one elected office has a new representative after the April 7 local elections. Three incumbents, including the mayor, won re-election.

Bel Aire Mayor Harold will retain his position after running unopposed and council members Gary Breault and Peggy Sue O'Donnell

will also be return to the council.

Breault took first in the at-large race with 480 votes while O'Donnell finished second with 440 votes.

"I am happy with the results," Breault said. "It looked like a close race all the way around."

Joining them, in the place of Teresa Reynolds, was David Austin, who picked up the final council seat

with 427 votes, defeating James Schmidt.

"I am excited about working with everyone who won," O'Donnell said. "I am looking forward to figuring out ways to sell land and fix roads. I am looking forward to working with the mayor and the council on these issues."

O'Donnell said she is looking forward to what Austin brings to

the council.

"I have never worked with Austin before," O'Donnell said. "I am excited about it. I look forward the knowledge he has from working on the economic advisory board to help us. I think he will be a good fit."

O'Donnell said she wanted to thank those who voted for her and other candidates for their participa-

tion in the election.

"The turnout was pretty much the same as the rest of the county," Breault said. "The mayor had over 600 votes and we each had 450 votes."

Breault said he was happy to see Austin added.

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## 'GREEN MILE'

### Developers have big plans for 77 acres they purchased from city

By Chris Hunter

Terrie Grillot is new to the development business, but partner Paul Cavanaugh is not. Grillot, a former schoolteacher, recently purchased 77 acres of land along Webb from the City of Bel Aire as part of the new Tierra Verde development and is looking to purchase two other sections totaling more than 150 acres.

"I have done some work with some other developers before," Cavanaugh said. "But this is our first foray into taking the lead on development."

Grillot said she is completely new to development.

"It is definitely (new) for me," Grillot said. "I used to be a schoolteacher and dance instructor."

Cavanaugh said the two felt the time was right and that Bel Aire was the right location.

"The cost of land, growth of Wichita and knowing the administration were reasons we came to Bel Aire," Cavanaugh said.

Bel Aire City Administrator Ty Lasher said Grillot paid \$14,000 per acre for the first 77 acres, coming in at a total of \$1.078 million.

"They have an option on the north 80 acres for a year," Lasher said. "They are going through the platting process for that right now."

Cavanaugh and Grillot said they believed Webb will be the place to be in the next 10 years as Bel Aire continues to grow.

"This corridor to K-254 is about to explode," Cavanaugh said. "You can just see it."

The land will feature a \$14 million health spa, an organic grocery and produce farm, hotel, town center and a sports complex, among other things.

The spa will be a health recovery spa and is another key reason the duo chose Bel Aire.

"My spa needs to be close to the surgeries," Grillot said. "(Webb) is like the medical mile. This is just perfect."

Grillot said she and Cavanaugh have been working on the project for nearly two years and that the



Chris Hunter

**Terrie Grillot and Paul Cavanaugh stand in the field that is will be part of the Tierra Verde Development, which will feature a spa, organic farm, hotel and other businesses. The venture is a first for Grillot and Cavanaugh.**

group will start the foundation work and groundwork within the next two months. Cavanaugh even told members of the council he would serve coffee to the mayor by the end of the year.

"We expect to start construction on the first building in the next two months," Cavanaugh said. "Roads will start about that time."

Grillot and Cavanaugh said they have already sold the majority of land they purchased.

The group said they will be creating a green development.

"Our goal is to go with a health, fitness, organic feel to the place,"

Grillot said.

"The whole area will be green development," Cavanaugh said. "It will be a neighborhood (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) program, which is a pilot program for the U.S. Green Building Council."

Cavanaugh said the project is the first of its kind in the Midwest.

"All the buildings on the development will be green," Cavanaugh said.

Grillot said the facility will run on solar, wind and geothermal energy, but added the development will be on the electrical grid.

"Even our street lights will have a

funnel for wind and a solar panel on top," Grillot said. "They kind of look like they are out of the space age."

Cavanaugh said the streetlights will not need to be wired.

Another feature of the parking lots will be electric car plug-ins, Grillot said.

"It is going to be very cutting edge as far as green development," Cavanaugh said.

Lasher said Bel Aire is excited for the project.

"Any type of growth we are very excited about," Lasher said. "We like the idea she is going green, which is kind of an idea Bel Aire started with

the recycling and no smoking. She has great ideas for businesses. We are thrilled this may come to fruition."

The development will have everything people need to live, Grillot said.

"We want to put in assisted living, housing for 50 and older and, of course, the town square," Grillot said. "Then we will continue with housing that is sustainable."

Other features will include community gardens, boutiques, retail, drug store, restaurants, organic mar-

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## City approves 53rd Street paving project

County,  
developer  
and city  
to share cost

By Chris Hunter

After several attempts to get funding to pave 53rd North, Bel Aire is finally getting its wish, at least partially.

At the April 7 Bel Aire City Council meeting, the council approved an interlocal agreement between Bel Aire and Sedgwick County to pave a portion of 53rd North.

"When Jay Russell (submitted) his final plat to the city, which is on 53rd

between Woodlawn and Oliver, he said it would benefit him to have a black-top road," said City Administrator Ty Lasher.

Lasher said roads with curbs and guttering would cost \$1 million to \$1.2 million, but the city may have found a solution.

"Obviously, the city, nor Russell, wanted to assess the cost to lot owners through specials," Lasher said. "The discussion was that we could do a cold

mix, which is basically where they put a bunch of asphalt down and grate it out."

Lasher said cold-mix paving jobs are temporary solutions to road issues and generally last five to 10 years.

"The idea is to get some type of paving done and when the development takes off to share in the cost to put in a three-lane road or whatever," Lasher said.

The agreement will cost Russell \$25,000, Sedgwick County \$25,000

and Bel Aire \$25,000, with Sedgwick County doing the road work.

"I have mixed feelings on the quality of that road, but it seems this is all we can afford," said Mayor Harold Smith. "We have argued about cold mix before. This is one way we will know what cold mix can do and how it will hold up."

Council member Teresa Reynolds moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Peggy O'Donnell. The motion passed 4-0.



Mayor's corner

By Harold Smith

# Important decisions loom with 2010 budget

Greetings from City Hall!  
We have a new council member. Teresa Reynolds decided to not run for a second term. It really is a major commitment of one's time to serve on the council. Thank you, Dr. Reynolds, for your four years of service to the city. She will continue to serve on the utility board (CCUA).  
Peggy O'Donnell and Gary Breault were elected for a second term. Peggy has also agreed to be on the CCUA board. Teresa's replacement on the council is David Austin. In addition to working full time, David has a family to support and has a history of volunteer work in the community. Thank you, Mr. Austin, for taking on the added job of city councilman.  
Dave Sly was selected by the council to be the council president for the next year. He will chair the council meetings when the mayor is absent.

## City business

This will be a very important year for the city. Our land business has reached a point where some major decisions will need to be made before we can complete the 2010 budget. The May 1 land payment was \$874,000. We came up short \$344,000 on budgeted funds available for this payment. We covered this shortage by using money in another fund intended for improving Woodlawn Street. How we handle future land payments can affect every citizen of Bel Aire. As this issue develops, please share your thoughts with council members.

## Moonlight and Music

The next Special Event in the city is scheduled for June 20. On this summer evening there will be live music, swimming, ice cream and a Bel Aire talent show.

# Does anything compare to a mother's love?

As a kid growing up it was easy to see what kind of child I was, definitely a momma's boy. God had promised my mom a boy and that's exactly what she got. She was 42 years old when that "miracle baby" came into existence and she has loved and cared for me ever since. But after all the trouble that I have given her over the years, why does she love me?

Why does she love me, when she spent so much time applying the "board of education" to my "seat of learning"?

Why does she love me, when her little boy gave away all her jewelry to a pretty third-grade brunette named Heather?

Why does she love me, when her little boy took the tags off her car and put them on his bike only to find out that the policeman didn't buy her story?

Why does she love me, when her little boy took all of her good steak knives out in the back yard and left them there because he was in training to become the world's youngest blind-folded knife thrower?

How can you explain such great a love? The Apostle John considered this same topic in I John 3, though he wasn't talking about the love of an earthly mother, but the love of a Heavenly Father.

"How great is the love the father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God?" (I John 3:1 NIV) Why would he love me? Why would he want me to be his child? Why



By Joe Cowell

did he send his son to die for me? It is because the father has lavished his love on us."

The love of our heavenly father blows the love of an earthly mother out of the water! There is no comparing the two. So if my mom loved me so much, how much more does the father love me and care about me?

My mom was there to bandage up my wounds; the heavenly father was there to bind up my broken heart. My mom provided food on our table; the heavenly father has provided everything that I could ever need. My mom loved her own child unconditionally; the heavenly father loves everyone unconditionally.

Why does she love me? The answer to that question is because she is my mom. Why does he love me? The answer to that question is because he is my God!

*Rev. Joe Cowell is an ordained minister with Assemblies of God. With his wife Glenda, he will be planting a new church in the Bel Aire area in the next year. Reach him at 371-5486 or hopeag@gmail.com. See www.hopeag.net.*

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# Their turn to bridge the gap

Communication was a recurring theme during the 2009 local elections.

Many candidates complained there was a disconnect between cities and their residents. They said city leaders don't do a very good job of keeping their residents informed, up to date on issues and in the loop with the decision-making process.

It's really nothing new. Residents for years have been suspicious of local governments, thinking they do the city's business behind closed doors or too swiftly to react.

But it was interesting this time to see the number of campaigns push this issue to the center of the debate.

Many candidates in area cities won on the notion that they would do a better job of keeping residents involved in the process.

Well, now they have their chance.

We can't wait to see how that idea takes shape during their terms.

Will city council members host town hall-type meetings in the wards they represent? Will some start ward newsletters? How will they get the word out?

In Valley Center, Mayor Mike McNown, who was not up for re-election this year, took a big step forward earlier this month when he announced he would be available on the first and third Monday nights at city hall for anyone who wanted to come in and talk about city issues. He wanted the time to be informal and comfortable for residents, so they could talk about things that may be bothering them.

The City of Valley Center also is redesigning its Web site and installing a sign in front of city hall to announce meetings and other events. Of course, the cost of both initiatives (a total of about \$48,000) became fodder for campaign criticism.

Some candidates in other cities wanted more residents directly involved in city-spending decisions — like public votes on every big-ticket item.

We hope city leaders are successful at fostering the trust of the people they serve. Unfortunately, getting everyone involved in the city's business is a nearly impossible task. Most people are quite content.

And despite extensive — and often expensive — efforts to keep the communication flowing out of city hall, some won't get the message.

During the spring campaigns, one candidate quoted an old but applicable adage: "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

Of course, that doesn't absolve cities of making every effort possible to communicate.

We hope to see some innovative initiatives.

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# Wichita mum on locations of new schools

By Chris Hunter

Six months after Wichita school district voters approved a \$370 million bond issue, plans are under way to start renovation and construction on many of the projects.

While no site has been announced for the new high school, USD 259 spokeswoman Susan Arensman said the district is searching areas around Bel Aire.

"We are still looking at some land in the northeast part of Wichita, including Bel Aire,

to determine an appropriate site for the schools," Arensman said in mid-April.

Talk of the proposed \$35.65 million high school has run rampant in Bel Aire since the bond passed. City officials are already using the proposed high school as a way to help get the city a new recreation facility. Most of the talk has focused on 53rd North.

The projects, which are taking place across the district, were split into two phases, and were further divided into several sub-phases by the

district. Voters passed the bond on Nov. 4.

"Earlier this year, the district established the phasing plan for school projects," Arensman said. "The projects are divided into two phases, and phase one has been divided into three sub-phases."

The northeast part of the district will be greatly affected in the first two sub-phases of Phase 1.

In Phase 1A, the new high school and a new kindergarten through eighth-grade school will be built, along with

additions to Heights High School at 53rd North and Hillside.

The kindergarten through eighth-grade school will cost \$20.25 million and the Heights additions will cost \$15.025 million.

"Architects have been approved for the new northeast high school, new northeast K-8 and Heights, which are all in Phase 1A," Arensman said. "The beginning of construction will start after plans are drawn and approved, and after bids for the work have been

approved."

The architects include Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey for the new high school, Gossen Livingston for the kindergarten through eighth grade school and Howard and Helmer for the additions to Heights.

One addition to the school district will be in place for use as early as next year, Arensman said.

"On April 13, the board of education approved bids for all-weather turf to be installed at five high schools, including Heights," Arensman said. "The

installation will begin this summer and will be completed before the beginning of school in the fall. So, the Falcons will be able to play football on a new field this fall."

Other projects in the northeastern part of the district include a \$900,000 addition to Stucky Middle School in Phase 1B and an addition to Chisholm Trail Elementary in Phase 2.

"The district's goal is to have all Phase 1 projects under design by the end of the calendar year," Arensman said.

# Sunrise to auction property in Kechi

By The Breeze staff

About 50 acres of land owned by Sunrise Christian Academy will go up for public auction this month.

McCurdy Auction LLC will conduct the auction at noon May 19, trying to sell the tract of land on the southeast corner of Woodlawn and K-254.

The property sits north of

Bel Aire in Kechi Township.

McCurdy Auction said the property will be offered in two parcels — 5.75 acres along Woodlawn that is plat- ted and zoned light commercial and about 44 acres that is zoned residential.

The property has city water and sewer available.

McCurdy Auction said the property has "prime develop- ment potential in the fast-

growing northeast quadrant."

Sunrise had planned to relocate its high school from Bel Aire to the site near Kechi. However, the private school acquired additional acreage adjacent to its current campus on 45th North west of Woodlawn. The school has announced it would stay in the existing location.

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"I would like to congratulate Dave Austin and encourage James Schmidt to keep going," Breault said. "Anyone who runs for public office I admire and respect."

Austin, Breault, O'Donnell and Smith wore sworn in April 21.

Smith presented Reynolds with plaques.

"We recognize Dr. Teresa Reynolds for your dedication and valuable service as council president for 2008 to 2009," Smith said as he presented Reynolds with the second plaque.

Reynolds also received a Bel Aire watch from City Administrator Ty Lasher.

"It has been a joy and a pleasure working with you," Lasher said.

Reynolds thanked Lasher for the gift.

"I want to let you know it has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Bel Aire the past four years," Reynolds said. "They have

been both very short and very long, whichever way you look at it."

Reynolds said she believed the council got more done in the past four years than in previous years.

"There has been a greater willingness to work with buyers and builder to move to our city," Reynolds said. "It has re-evaluated its image by looking at old and new ideas."

Reynolds said the city still had struggles to overcome including land sales, improving roads and making debt payments.

Reynolds said one of the biggest achievements of the past four years was the reorganization of the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority.

"Your work with the CCUA was incredible," Breault said. "We are all benefitting from it now."

While Reynolds will be replaced by Austin on the council, her work with CCUA is not done.

After a break, Smith appointed Reynolds as the citizen representative to the CCUA to replace former

Mayor Brian Withrow. Smith also appointed himself and O'Donnell.

## Land

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kets and other needs.

"It is really going to change the neighborhood," Cavanaugh said. "It is going to really impact Bel Aire."

Grillot and Cavanaugh said they have been sleepless for two years working on this project and are excited.

"We wanted to do it right," Cavanaugh said. "We wanted to do it right and the only way we could do that was to do it ourselves."

Grillot said the development started because of the spa project, which will be the first building built.

"It is about green, it is about health, it is about the community," Grillot said. "That is our driving force which is why we keep going, despite the economy. We need to help each other. It is beyond materials; it is a whole way of life."

Deadline for May

*Bel Aire Breeze*

Friday, May 22



# City of Bel Aire

## COMING SOON TO BEL AIRE

MUSIC AND MOONLIGHT  
June 20 • 6 to 10 p.m.

Live musical acts will entertain. A jazz band and more. Also a musical talent show with Bel Aire residents, their family and friends.  
Children may swim for free in the Bel Aire Pool at Central Park.  
Free ice cream social. Snacks may be purchased. All you need to bring is your lawn chair.  
Talent Show participants will need to register. Sign up at City Hall from 10 a.m. to noon on either June 6 or June 13. Stay tuned for more details.



### What Does Bel Aire Mean to You?

The City of Bel Aire is seeking comments from residents on the theme “What Bel Aire Means to Me.” The city is revising its slogan and would like to base it on input from its residents.  
To submit your comments in writing, e-mail [mstiles@belaireks.gov](mailto:mstiles@belaireks.gov) or send them to Bel Aire City Hall, Attn: Matt Stiles, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226.  
Participants for video interviews are also being sought. If you would like to be interviewed, either e-mail [mstiles@belaireks.gov](mailto:mstiles@belaireks.gov) or call (316) 744-2451.

*Bel Aire City Hall  
will be closed  
Monday, May 25,  
in observance of*



## Bel Aire Recreation Center

5251 E. 48th North  
[www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov) • 744-2700  
Open Mon., Tue., & Thur. 8-8  
Wed. & Fri. 8-7 • Sat. 9-3

**Central Park swimming pool**  
The Central Park Swimming Pool, 7350 E. Central Park Ave., opens to the public May 23. Offerings will include swimming lessons, water exercise, open swim, rentals, memberships and day passes. The Central Park Homeowners Association has an agreement with the City of Bel Aire to oversee the operations and maintenance of the sub-division swimming pool. Brochure information is available at City Hall, the recreation center, or online at [www.belaireks.gov](http://www.belaireks.gov).

**Recreational summer ball leagues**  
Teams will play up to two games each week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, or Saturdays beginning June 1. Boys and girls ages 5 through 12 will play in one of the following divisions: T-ball, machine pitch baseball or softball, or youth pitch baseball or softball. **The registration deadline has passed; however, we do still have a few spots remaining.**

**Junior Olympic skills competition**  
The Junior Olympic Skills Competition is a national grassroots skill competition that provides both boys and girls ages 8 through 13 the opportunity to showcase their athletic abilities in basketball, soccer, and track and field. Each sport is scored individually and boys and girls compete separately. Registration deadline is May 6. Competition will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

**Horseback riding**  
Saddle up for another horseback riding session at 10 a.m. June 13. Participants will experience the basics of horsemanship including horse care, grooming, tacking up and riding. Sessions are conducted by qualified in-

structors using safe-lesson horses. Parents are welcome to observe. **Registration is limited, so sign up soon!** For more information on other equestrian programs, call 838-7846 or visit [www.singletreestables.com](http://www.singletreestables.com).

**Taekwondo**  
We are accepting registrations for ages 5 and up. Classes meet from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday and Friday, or from 7:10 to 8:10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. These are great classes for beginners to black belts.

**Yoga**  
The new Yoga class continues at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. Classes are held at 6:10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Fitness center (ages 16 and up)**  
Start getting in shape for the outdoor season! A yearly membership costs less than what you will pay in one month at other facilities. The center consists of elliptical cross trainers, treadmills, recumbent bike, multi-station weight machine and free-weights.

**Summer day camp**  
The Wichita YMCA will again offer a state-licensed day camp this summer at the Bel Aire Recreation Center. For more information or to register, call the YMCA at 264-1610.

**Maximize basketball instruction**  
Bel Aire Recreation has partnered with Brent Atwater, a former college player and coach, to bring you basketball instruction throughout the year. Atwater's programs stress the fundamentals of basketball, which make them perfect for kids of all ages and skill levels. For more information regarding team, individual or specialized training contact Brent Atwater at 744-8841, 807-1036, or at [www.maximizetraining.com](http://www.maximizetraining.com).

**For more information on these or any Bel Aire Recreation Programs, call 744-2700.**

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## Bel Aire Senior Club

Activities are held at 4551 N. Auburn unless otherwise noted. Those 55-plus are welcome to participate. For information on programs and services for seniors, contact Vicki Shepard, Tri-City Senior Director, at 744-1199. The club is self-governed and not under city control. Activities benefit all participating seniors.

• Free blood pressure check first Tuesday, Park City Senior Center  
• Mondays 10 a.m., computer class at Park City Senior Center (no charge)  
• Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., exercise class  
• Wednesdays 2:30 p.m., free line dancing lessons, Park City Senior Center.  
• Wii Get Healthy exercise program, Thursday mornings, Park City Senior Center. Call Vicki 744-1199 for time schedule.

May 5, 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at IHOP  
May 11, 10 a.m. Board meeting  
11:30 a.m. Lunch at Sweet Basil  
1 p.m. Rhonda Sullivan, attorney with Legal Services. She will speak about services available through Legal Services for seniors (at little or not cost) and information about power of attorney, wills and other legal information of interest to seniors. Presentation at 4551 N. Auburn.  
May 12-13, 9 a.m. AARP 55 Alive Safe Driving Course at Bel Aire and 1 p.m. Senior Center. Cost is \$14, \$12 with AARP membership. 744-1199 to sign up.  
May 20, 10 a.m. Men's coffee at Braum's  
2 p.m. Ladies' coffee/tea at Jimmie's Diner  
May 25, 6 p.m. Memorial Day cookout; no program. Hosts: Joe and Ida Lara, Alvin and Marlene Eaton, Merlin and Karna Schroeder. Club will furnish hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone should bring a dish to complement the cook out. Please notify Joe and Ida if you plan to attend.  
May 28-30 Senior club garage sale. To make contributions, contact Carolyn Smith.  
June 25 Trip to the Flint Hills. Cost of \$40 per person includes transportation, step-on guide and lunch at the Chicken House in Olpe. Call Vicki at 744-1199 by June 12 to make reservations.

## Bel Aire Senior Center

All events are held at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., unless otherwise noted. \* Phone 744-2451 ext. 121.  
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*Mondays 6:10 p.m., Yoga at the rec center.\**  
*Tuesdays 1 to 4 p.m., Bridge. Call to sign up.*  
*Senior Wednesdays Check the Web site for details.\**  
*Wednesdays 1 to 5 p.m., Wii Wednesdays — Wii Time*  
*Wednesdays 6:10 p.m., Yoga at the rec center.\**  
*Thursdays 1 to 2 p.m., Low Impact Aerobics.*  
*Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m., Wii Sports Leagues*  
*Fridays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., breakfast with Kechi Senior Over 55 Club at Jimmie's Diner, 3111 N. Rock Road, Wichita.*

May 4, 6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner — Cinco de Mayo Fiesta! featuring live mariachi band.  
May 6, 6:30 p.m. Senior advisory board meeting  
May 9, 9 a.m. Red Hat Society pajama party. Call 744-8645 for more information.  
May 14, 6:30 p.m. New lawn owner's program (part I) provided by the Sedgwick County Extension Service. Registration required. Call for details.  
May 14, 6:30 p.m. *Riverfest Senior Gala. Dance the night away to live music by Cool Blue and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, sponsored by CPAAA. Free admission. Garvey Center, 250 W. Douglas.*  
May 15, 6 to 9 p.m. Wii Girls Night Out. Opportunity to play Wii and enjoy and evening with the ladies.  
May 17, TBA Single seniors dine out. Call Coleen at 744-2372 for time, place and activity.  
May 18, 6 p.m. Movie Monday: movie, discussion, free popcorn.  
May 19, 6:30 p.m. New lawn owner's program (part II) provided by the Sedgwick County Extension Service. Registration required. Call for details.  
May 20, 7 to 9 p.m. BUNKO! Call to sign up.  
May 21, 11 a.m. to noon Blood pressure and health checks with Sandra Nickles.  
May 22, noon to 3 p.m. *Wellness in the Park. Linwood Park, 1901 S. Kansas, Wichita. Enjoy tons of activities for promoting a healthy lifestyle. Transportation options available.*  
May 29-30 Citywide garage sale fundraiser, sponsored by the Senior Advisory Board. Volunteers and donations of items and baked goods are being accepted. Proceeds go to the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the Senior Center. Call the Center or Jackie O'Neal for more information.

## City Council/Court

May 5, 7 p.m. City Council  
May 6, 7 p.m. Court  
May 19, 7 p.m. City Council  
May 21, 12:30 p.m. Court

### Community history project

Matthew Stiles with the City of Bel Aire continues to collect “My Bel Aire” stories to be published on the city’s Web site as an addition to the Community History section. He will be accepting submissions on an ongoing basis.

# BEL AIRE POLICE REPORTS

**April 20** — Officer Steele reported that the Augusta Department of Public Safety arrested Robert Lefebvre in the 2100 block of North Ohio in Augusta. It also arrested Lefebvre on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 20** — Officer McGuire responded to a vandalism call in the 5300 block of East 37th North.

**April 20** — Officers Toomey and McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Officer with an injury accident in the 4300 block of North 159th East.

**April 19** — Officers Toomey and McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 4700 block of North Webb.

**April 19** — Officer McCaslin responded to an animal complaint at 37th North and Parkwood.

**April 18** — Officer Steele responded to a vandalism call in the 6500 block of East Odessa.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx responded to a vandalism call in the 6500 block of East Rodeo.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn. He arrested the driver, John East Shrewsbury, on a Wichita warrant.

**April 18** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 5800 block of North Woodlawn and arrested Tanya M. Wedel on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**April 18** — Officer Pate assisted a motorist at 45th North and Oliver.

**April 18** — Officer Pate checked for a suspicious person at 37th North and Hillside.

**April 18** — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**April 17** — Officer Swanson reported the Kansas Highway Patrol arrested Elivia Leyva on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 17** — Officer Hazelwood arrested Sean Shores in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn on charges of driving with a suspended license and transporting an open container, and on a warrant.

**April 17** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood responded to a burglary in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.

**April 17** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Wichita Police Department in the 5300 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 17** — Officer McGuire assisted EMS in 4000 block of North Parkwood.

**April 17** — Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person in the 6400 block of East Odessa.

**April 17** — Sgt. Griggs arrested John T. Kattenberg in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn on a charge of DUI.

**April 17** — Sgt. Griggs and Officer McGuire checked for a suspicious person in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**April 17** — Officer McGuire assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Parkwood.

**April 17** — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 4200 block of Stratford.

**April 17** — Officer McGuire assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office at K-254 and Oliver.

**April 16** — Officer Hazelwood received found property near 45th North and Danbury.

**April 16** — Officer Foxx responded to a motor vehicle accident in the 5200 block of North Webb Road.

**April 16** — Officer McCaslin stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officer McGuire reported the Wichita Police Department arrested Patricia Carrion on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 16** — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist at 45th North and Oliver.

**April 16** — Officer Foxx checked for a suspicious person in the 5000 block of Lake Breeze.

**April 16** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood checked the welfare at Danbury and Janesville.

**April 16** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood assisted a citizen at Danbury and Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officers Foxx and Hazelwood checked the welfare at 45th North and Janesville.

**April 16** — Officer Foxx checked for a suspicious person in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

**April 16** — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm in the 3700 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 16** — Officer Hazelwood checked for a suspicious person at Perryton and Janesville.

**April 15** — Officer Brandewiede received found property in the 8200 block of East 53rd North.

**April 15** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an animal bite in the 5900 block of East Clarendon.

**April 15** — Officer Pentecost responded to a larceny in the 6500 block of East 45th North.

**April 15** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an animal complaint in the 4000 block of Auburn.

**April 15** — Officer Hazelwood checked for a suspicious person between 61st North and 79th North.

**April 15** — Officer Hazelwood checked for a suspicious person in the 4000 block of Parkwood.

**April 15** — Officer Swanson checked the welfare in the 6100 block of Danbury.

**April 14** — Officer Hutton assisted Kechi Police Department near mile marker 4 on K-254.

**April 13** — Officer Swanson responded to a disturbance in the 6200 block of East 37th North.

**April 13** — Officers McGuire and Toomey and Sgt. Griggs stopped a vehicle and arrested the driver, James Johnson II, on charges of DUI, driving with a suspended license, flee and elude and speeding.

**April 13** — Sgt. Spencer and Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department at 39th North and Clarendon.

**April 13** — Officers Hutton and Toomey checked for a suspicious person at Danbury and Woodlawn.

**April 13** — Officer Hutton assisted Park City Police Department in the 6500 block of Hydraulic.

**April 12** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Steven A. Suarez at 6300 East 37th North on a charge of driving with a suspended license and on a Wichita warrant.

**April 12** — Officer Hutton assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with an audible alarm in the 12500 block of Four Oaks.

**April 12** — Officer Toomey assisted EMS in the 6000 block of East Perryton.

**April 11** — Officers Cantrell, Hutton and Hazelwood responded to a loud party complaint in the 4400 block of Rushwood.

**April 11** — Officer Foxx responded to a parking complaint in the 6100 block of East 41st North.

**April 11** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a call about an animal in the 5800 block of East 53rd North.

**April 11** — Officers Hutton and Cantrell checked on a suspicious person in the 4300 block of Eagle Lake Court.

**April 10** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department in the 5400 block of North Oliver.

**April 10** — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5300 block of North Oliver. Officer arrested Keith Adair on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**April 10** — Officer McGuire reported that Wichita Police Department had arrested Curtis Harper on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 10** — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.

**April 10** — Officer Steele responded to a shots-fired call in the 6400 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 10** — Officers Hutton and Foxx checked the welfare at Falcon and Edgemoor.

**April 10** — Officer Foxx responded to a disorderly report in the 4500 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 9** — Officer Cantrell checked for a suspicious person in the 4200 block of Eagle Lake.

**April 9** — Sgt. Griggs and Officer McGuire assisted Wichita Police Department in the 6500 block of East Danbury.

**April 9** — Officer Steele assisted a motorist at K-254 and Webb Road.

**April 9** — Officer Steele checked for a suspicious person at 45th North and Webb Road.

**April 9** — Officer Steele assisted EMS in the 4500 block of North Hillcrest.

**April 8** — Officer Hazelwood assisted EMS in the 4300 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 8** — Officer Hazelwood and Sgt. Spencer stood by to prevent in the 5700 block of East Hanover.

**April 8** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department near mile marker 3 on K-254.

**April 8** — Officer McCaslin responded to an animal call at 44th North and Woodlow.

**April 8** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4300 block of Janesville.

**April 8** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a dog complaint in the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court.

**April 7** — Officer Hutton responded to a forgery in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 7** — Officers Swanson and Cantrell reported that Wichita Police Department arrested Valerie

Nelson on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 7** — Officers Pentecost and Brandewiede responded to an audible alarm in the 5700 block of East Denise.

**April 7** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 5800 block of East Hanover.

**April 7** — Officer Brandewiede performed a civil stand-by in the 5800 block of East Hanover.

**April 6** — Officers Hutton and McCaslin responded to a burglary in the 4400 block of Eagle Lake.

**April 6** — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 4500 block of Westlake Court.

**April 6** — Sgt. Griggs responded to a disturbance in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst.

**April 6** — Officer McGuire arrested Joseph Story in the 4900 block of North Parkhurst on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 6** — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 4500 block of Westlake.

**April 6** — Officers McGuire and Toomey responded to a disturbance in the 4800 block of North Harding.

**April 5** — Officers McGuire and Toomey assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Farmstead.

**April 5** — Officer Brandewiede assisted Kechi Police Department in the 300 block of Quivira.

**April 5** — Officer Toomey responded to a disturbance in the 4100 block of Danbury.

**April 5** — Officer McCaslin assisted a citizen at 45th North and Woodlawn.

**April 5** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department at K-254 and Woodlawn.

**April 5** — Officer Steele assisted Sedgwick County Fire Department in the 8600 block of East Champions.

**April 4** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood responded to a burglary in the 5200 block of North Rock Road.

**April 4** — Officer Cantrell responded to a DUI call in the 7800 block of East 45th North.

**April 4** — Officer Pentecost assisted Wichita Police Department with a hold-up alarm in the 3200 block of North Rock Road.

**April 4** — Officers Pentecost and Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 6300 block of East 37th North.

**April 4** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood checked on a suspicious person at Westlake and Willowpoint.

**April 4** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an animal call at Woodlawn and Danbury.

**April 3** — Officer Steele responded to a disorderly conduct call in the 5800 block of East 49th North.

**April 3** — Officer McGuire responded to an excessive noise call in the 6600 block of East Rodeo Court.

**April 3** — Officers Cantrell and Cantrell responded to an aggravated battery call in the 5800 block of Hanover.

**April 3** — Officers Cantrell and McGuire responded to an animal complaint in the 6800 block of Rodeo.

**April 3** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**April 3** — Officer Foxx assisted Kechi Police Department at K-254 and Woodlawn.

**April 3** — Officer Hutton assisted a citizen in the 4400 block of North Edgemoor.

**April 2** — Officer Swanson reported the arrest of Isaiah Sanders by Wichita Police Department on a Bel Aire.

**April 2** — Officer McGuire reported the arrest of Isac Hinostrroza by Emporia Police Department on Bel Aire charges.

**April 2** — Officers Cantrell and McGuire checked the welfare in the 4800 block of North Woodlawn.

**April 2** — Officers Foxx, Hazelwood and Swanson responded to an animal-at-large call at 53rd North and Woodlawn.

**April 2** — Officer Foxx assisted Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office with a motor vehicle accident at 61st North and Rock Road.

**April 1** — Officer Swanson reported the arrest of Robert L. Campbell Bel Aire warrant.

**April 1** — Officer Pentecost arrested Robert Chase in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn on a Marshall County.

**April 1** — Officer Medlin reported the arrest of Michael A. Saxon by Haysville Police Department on a Bel Aire warrant.

**April 1** — Officer Cantrell and Sgt. Griggs responded to an occupational accident in the 4700 block of North Webb Road.

**April 1** — Officer Hazelwood checked the welfare in the 4500

block of North Wilderness.

**April 1** — Officer Hazelwood responded to an animal call at 53rd North and Woodlawn.

**March 31** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an alarm in the 4700 block of North Glendale.

**March 31** — Officers Steele and Brandewiede checked the welfare at 45th North and Rock Road.

**March 31** — Officer Hazelwood assisted Kechi Police Department with a 911 hang-up call in the 100 block of East Kechi Road.

**March 31** — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

**March 31** — Officer Hutton checked on a suspicious person in at the 8700 block of East 53rd North.

**March 30** — Officers Hutton and Toomey responded to an auto accident in the 5500 block of East 45th North.

**March 30** — Officer McGuire and Sgt. Griggs responded to a hold-up alarm in the 4700 block of North Glendale.

**March 30** — Officer Pentecost removed a traffic hazard from the road in the 4400 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 30** — Officer Steele checked on a suspicious person in the 15100 block of East 29th North.

**March 30** — Officers Steele and Brandewiede responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Rushwood.

**March 29** — Officer Toomey checked for a suspicious person in the 4500 block of North Eagle Lake.

**March 29** — Officer McCaslin assisted a motorist at Rock Road and Oaktree.

**March 28** — Officer Steele responded to an audible alarm in the 4800 block of North Homestead.

**March 28** — Officer Steele removed a traffic hazard at Odessa and Woodlawn.

**March 28** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood assisted a motorist at 7651 East Central Park.

**March 28** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of Eagle Lake.

**March 28** — Officers Hutton and Hazelwood assisted a motorist at 45th North and Eagle Lake.

**March 28** — Officer McGuire responded to a DUI in the 5700 block of North Rock Road.

**March 28** — Officer Cantrell assisted Sedgwick county Fire Department in the 5500 block of East 45th North.

**March 28** — Officer Cantrell assisted a motorist in the 4700 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 27** — Officer Steele accepted found property in the 7400 block of East 53rd North.

**March 27** — Officers Foxx and Steele responded to a medical situation in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.

**March 27** — Officer McGuire removed a traffic hazard at 45th North and Webb Road.

**March 27** — Officer Cantrell and Sgt. Griggs assisted a motorist in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 27** — Officer Hutton assisted a motorist in the 3800 block of North Woodlawn.

**March 27** — Officer Hutton responded to an animal call at 45th North and Rock Road.

**March 27** — Officers Steele and Foxx checked on a suspicious person in the 4800 block of North Chapel View.

**March 26** — Officers Hazelwood and Foxx responded to disorderly conduct in the 6100 block of East Edinburg.

**March 26** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

**March 26** — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**March 25** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 5800 block of Hanover.

**March 25** — Officer Swanson responded to an audible alarm in the 6800 block of East Sunny Shore.

**March 25** — Officer Swanson checked the welfare in the 5800 block of Hanover.

**March 25** — Officer Cantrell responded to found property in the

4200 block of North Rushwood.

**March 25** — Officer Hazelwood and Sgt. Spencer responded to a disturbance in the 5700 block of East Kenawee.

**March 25** — Sgt. Spencer assisted a motorist at 45th North and Barton.

**March 24** — Officer Cantrell responded to a disorderly conduct call in the 5700 block of Kenawee.

**March 23** — Officer Swanson assisted EMS in the 4000 block of North Farmstead.

**March 23** — Officer McCaslin assisted Wichita Police Department in the 3500 block of North Rock Road.

**March 23** — Officer Toomey stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 4900 block of North Oliver. Officer arrested Lisa Mouser on a charge of driving with a revoked license.

**March 23** — Officer McGuire responded to a larceny call in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

**March 23** — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. Officer arrested Timothy Ziegler on a Wichita bench warrant.

**March 23** — Officer Hutton assisted an outside agency in the 4100 block of North Clarendon.

**March 23** — Officer Swanson responded to an injury accident in the 4300 block of North Green-wich.

**March 23** — Officer Swanson checked the welfare at 37th North and Woodlawn.

**March 22** — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. He discovered the driver, Thomas Allen, was driving with a suspended license.

**March 22** — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5100 block of North Oliver. He arrested Chase Peavy on a charge of speeding.

**March 22** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Kenneth T. Reed in the 4100 block of North Woodlawn on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**March 22** — Officer Pentecost responded to forged checks in the 4600 block of Hedgerow.

**March 22** — Officer Brandewiede stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at 37th North and Woodlawn. He arrested the driver, Vincent A. Skaff, on charges of transporting an open container and driving with a suspended license.

**March 22** — Officer McCaslin responded to check forgery at Tree Top Nursery in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

**March 22** — Officer McCaslin assisted Kechi Police Department in the 2800 block of East 101st North.

**March 22** — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person at Janesville and Clarendon.

**March 22** — Officer Pentecost took a fraud report in the 4600 block of Hedgerow.

**March 22** — Officer McGuire took a larceny report in the 3800 block of North Oliver.

**March 21** — Officer Pentecost assisted EMS in the 4100 block of North Auburn.

**March 21** — Officer Hutton stopped a vehicle for speeding in the 5000 block of North Woodlawn. He found the driver, Charles Hickey III, was driving with a suspended license. He released the driver and vehicle to another licensed driver at the scene.

**March 21** — Officer Pentecost checked on a suspicious person in the 4100 block of Stratford.

**March 21** — Officer Foxx checked for a suspicious person in the 4400 block of North Stratford.

**March 21** — Officer Hutton responded to a disturbance in the 5800 block of Kenawee.

**March 21** — Officer Hazelwood responded to a disturbance in the 5900 block of Hanover.

**March 21** — Officer Toomey responded to a forgery in the 3100 block of Kite.

**March 20** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Homestead.

**March 20** — Officer McGuire checked on a suspicious person in the 3900 block of North Edgemoor.

**March 20** — Officer McGuire stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Quail Ridge and Woodlawn. He cited the driver, Mohammad Anwar, for running a stop sign and driving with a suspended driver's license.

**March 20** — Officer Swanson responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 4200 block of North Rushwood.

**March 20** — Officer Swanson assisted Wichita Police Department at 21st North and Woodlawn.

**March 20** — Officer Pentecost responded to an audible alarm in the 4200 block of Westlake Court.

**March 20** — Sgt. Spencer assisted EMS in the 4800 block of Homestead.

**March 20** — Officer Foxx responded to an audible alarm in the 4500 block of North Westlake Court.

**March 20** — Officer Hutton assisted EMS in the 4800 block of North Homestead.

**March 20** — Officer McGuire responded to a 911 hang-up call in the 3700 block of North Rock Road.

**March 20** — Officer McGuire responded to disorderly conduct in the 6600 block of East Rodeo.

**March 20** — Sgt. Griggs responded to a loud noise complaint in the 6400 block of East Rodeo.

**March 19** — Officer Brandewiede responded to a vandalism call in the 4300 block Eagle Lake Court.

**March 19** — Officer Foxx stopped a vehicle in the 4100 block of North Oliver. He arrested the driver, Huron Breaux, on charges of driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance and an expired tag.

**March 19** — Officer Brandewiede arrested Travis McLaughlin on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

**March 19** — Officer Hazelwood assisted an outside agency in the 300 block of North Tomahawk for an outside assist.

**March 19** — Officer McCaslin responded to an animal call in the 4100 block of East Danbury.

**March 19** — Officer McCaslin responded to a miscellaneous call for service in the 4100 block of Danbury.

**March 19** — Officer Brandewiede responded to an audible alarm in the 4900 block of North Hillcrest.

**March 19** — Officer McGuire responded to an audible alarm in the 5900 block of East 37th North.

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## PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Two Ambassador Girl Scouts will receive the highest award in Girl Scouting in a May 3 ceremony at Christ Lutheran Church.

Stephanie Lebeda and Kira



Lebeda

Moravec, members of Troop 40002 that meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 53rd North and Hillside, will receive the Girl Scout Gold

Award. A reception will be held for them after the first service.

The Girl Scout Gold Award allows the Girl Scouts to work with the community on a project that benefits the community. The girls must use communication and planning skills, along with leadership skills, to complete at least 65 hours to earn this award.

Lebeda made quilts for SRS South Central Kansas region to give to foster children. Moravec built park

benches for the new Rain-bow's United facility at K-96 and Woodlawn.

Moravec, the daughter of Gene and Rhonda Moravec,



Moravec

lives in Bel Aire. Lebeda, who lives in Wichita, is the daughter of Lisa Boyce and David Lebeda.

††† The following students

from Bel Aire were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2008 at Newman University. Kimberly Brandt, Isaac Hathaway, DonnaJo Hunsinger, Ton-Vinh Nguyen and Nicholas Robertson. To qualify for this achievement, a student must complete 12 credit hours and attain a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

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Seven home landscapes throughout Wichita will be on display during the Sedgwick County Extension Master Gardener Spring Garden Tour May 16 and 17.

Tickets for the tour are \$8 if purchased prior to May 3 from Extension Master Gardeners or at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 21st North and Ridge Road. Tickets purchased at the gardens will be \$10. Proceeds go toward funding educational outreach programs of the Extension Master Gardeners throughout Sedgwick County.

For ticket information, call the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 660-0100. For additional information about the tour, call either DeeAnne Fahnestock at 733-5148 or Bob Neier at 660-0140.

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The Bel Aire Senior Center invites all Kechi Over 55 Club members and guests to a special Cinco de Mayo fiesta and dinner at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at the Bel Aire Senior Center, 7651 East Central Park Ave., in Bel Aire.

Meet and greet begins at 6:15, followed by a covered dish dinner. Please bring a potluck dish to share; table service and drinks will be provided.

Enjoy special music by the Pete Chevez Band.

is 361-0407; online at www.crossroadswichita.com.

### Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church is located at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita. Adult and children's Sunday school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. with worship service at 10:30. Michael Poage is the pastor. For more information, please call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountucc.com.

### Grace Community Church

The church meets in the Park City Christian Church building at 2230 E. 61st North in Park City. The church's phone number is 755-3070. Its Web site is www.gccks.org and its e-mail address is mwthorne@gccks.org.

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### Police part of seat belt campaign

With the support of a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Bel Aire Police Department will be participating in the Kansas "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign May 18 through 31. Emphasis will be on strict enforcement of the Safety Belt Use and Child Passenger Safety acts during this time.

The Safety Belt Use Act specifies that all front-seat passengers must be buckled in. The Child Passenger Safety Act authorizes officers to stop vehicles occupied by passengers under the age of 14 who are not properly restrained. Children under the age of 4 must be secured in a federally approved child safety seat, and children ages 4 through 13 must be securely belted in.

"We have roughly 150 law enforcement agencies that will be participating with us statewide," said Bel Aire police Chief John Daily. "Tickets are part of the 'Click It or Ticket' program. Our Bel Aire officers are going to be

out there actively enforcing, and that means writing tickets."

— The Breeze staff

### Reward in house fire increased

The reward for information about a Feb. 7 house fire authorities say was intentionally set was increased last month.

A \$10,000 reward was established by the Kansas Committee on Arson Prevention and Fireman's Fund Insurance for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person or persons involved in the fire that destroyed a home at 15700 E. 45th North.

Citizen with information are encouraged to call Sedgwick County Fire District No. 1 at 660-3473 or e-mail the information to tleake@sedgwick.gov.

A previous reward was set at \$5,000 in March.

Fire investigators said loss in the fire, which destroyed the 4,600-square-foot home and an attached garage with three vehicles inside, was estimated at \$700,000.

— The Breeze staff

### Former mayor requests to serve

Former Bel Aire Mayor Gary O'Neal got no response from the city council when he asked for consideration to be appointed as an alternate to the Chisholm Creek Utility Authority last month.

"Since I left the governing body four years ago, no one has asked me to be on any board," O'Neal said. "I didn't know why I was so evil or disliked, but I live in Bel Aire, have lived here since 1987 and at some point, if someone would consider me an alternate for economic development board or a board position I would serve."

O'Neal was not appointed to the CCUA.

— The Breeze staff

## CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday services are at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 5356 N. Hillside, across from Heights High School at 53rd North and Hillside, and on the Web at www.christ-lutheran.org.

Call 744-1242 for details. The church e-mail address is office@clc.kscoxmail.com.

### Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire.

Masses for the Lord's Day are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; also at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Resurrection Catholic School has students from pre-

school through eighth grade.

The parish/school Web site is www.resurrectionwichita.com. Phone number is 744-2776. Rev. Sherman A. Orr is the Pastor.

### Crossroads Friends Church

Crossroads Friends Church meets at Stucky Middle School (east from 45th North and Hillside) at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with our worship experience in the school cafeteria starting at 10:30.

Every Sunday at Crossroads includes a Moonwalk for kids, Crossroads Cafe and Coffee bar, relevant and engaging messages, cutting-edge music with a live band and a dynamic Crossroads Kids program.

Lead pastor is Jeff Mullen, a teacher at Heights High School. Church office phone number

## DEATH

### JO MILLER

Jo Miller, 65, of Augusta, former treasurer for the City of Bel Aire, died March 27, 2009. A celebration of her life was held April 4 at Christ Lutheran Church in Augusta.

She was born Oct. 30, 1943, in Garnett the daughter of the late Gene and Ethel (Zwiener) Kelley.

She graduated from Garnett High School and attended St. Luke's School of Nursing. She also worked for several other city offices.

Survivors are her daughters and sons-in-law Kathy Miller and Art Umali of Kansas City, Mo., and Theresa and Kelly Modlin Augusta; son and daughter-in-law Donnie and Christina Miller; sister and brother-in-law Connie and Jerry Rockers of Lawrence; grandchildren Kellyn and husband Kyler Rowland, Chrystal and husband Chris Whittman, Kelsey, Cylee, Chance, Kelby, and Izzy; and great-grandson Colten.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, specifically the Augusta Relay For Life event and her team the Mela-No-Mores.

Headley Funeral Chapel had charge.

### By Chris Hunter

Who is that guy knocking on doors in your neighborhood with the handheld computer and a U.S. Census badge?

It is actually a Census worker, and he may even be a neighbor or a resident of an area city.

"It is legitimate," said Nancee Torkelson, local Census Office manager with the U.S. Census Bureau. "We are starting to do an address canvassing operation to build the address list for the mailings for next year's 2010 Census."

Fear of whether the workers were legitimate surfaced with phone calls to the police departments and The Post last month.

Torkelson said the Census Bureau is conducting the operation through mid-June or early July, and that residents have nothing to fear.

"Every worker will be carrying a handheld computer, which has map spots on it, and wearing badges that have their name

and say Census Enumerator," Torkelson said. "If there is anything recognizable, it will be the badge and computer. They should show them their badge with their name and Census logo."

Torkelson said procedure is another way to identify the workers.

"They should ask if it is single dwelling," Torkelson said. "They will go up to each door to verify that it is the only household at that house. They will leave information with the person talking about the Census. If no one is home, they will map-spot it on the GPS and go to the next house."

Torkelson said workers are checking to see whether there is more than one residence at the location, such as an apartment upstairs or a renter living in a garage or basement.

Valley Center Police Chief Mark Hephner said the city does not require the Census workers to have a door-to-door permit.

The Census Bureau divides the state into different districts with a

### Kechi United Methodist

Sunday worship services are at 9:03 and 11, with Sunday school at 10 a.m.

Communion is offered at both worship services. Nursery is provided.

Men's and women's Bible studies are at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Exercise groups meet each week. Pilates are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Yoga is 6:30 p.m. at the Kechi City Hall.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. is children's choir, with chancel choir at 7:30.

The church is located at 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi, phone 744-1221, www.kechi-umc.org. Its e-mail address is kechiumc@sbeglobal.net. Guy E. Rendoff is pastor.

### Park City Christian Church

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m. with Sunday school at 10. Bill Nestelroad is pastor of the church, located at 2230 E. 61st North. Phone is 744-0493 or 744-2091.

### Park City Church of the Nazarene

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship and children's church is at 10:45.

Wednesday Bible study for adults begins with sandwiches and chips at 6:15 p.m.

The church is located at 2100 E. 61st North in Park City. The phone number is 744-0000.

### Pine Valley Christian Church

Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & Yale. Sunday school at 9 a.m. with worship at 10:15. For more information call 685-2421.

### University United Methodist Church

Located across from the WSU campus at 21st & Yale. Sunday activities include adult and youth educational classes at 9:15 a.m. traditional service at 10:30 and youth group activities from 4 to 6 p.m. E-mail uumc2220@uumc.net; phone 686-6765. Rev. Phil Shull is the pastor.

Send your church's upcoming events and service times to [legals@arkvalleynews.com](mailto:legals@arkvalleynews.com) or call 755-0821.

# Residents caught off-guard by Census work

team of locals doing the canvassing.

"We have different districts and we have people assigned," Torkelson said. "It is people from within those districts. We hire from those people that have tested with us. They are canvassing their own neighbors. They may be from a surrounding county or city, but are in close proximity."

Torkelson said the bureau is employing 1,100 to 1,200 individuals statewide to canvass in their districts.

Torkelson said the Census is important to Kansans because it determines, in part, how hundreds of thousands of dollars are distributed from the federal government.

"It is important we count everyone so Kansas gets as much money as it can," Torkelson said. "Kansas needs as much as it can get. It can get down to the streets to even the milk programs in

the children's schools. It gets down to everything. They can also redirect congressional districts. It is all based on the counted population. It is important we have a really good number."



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National Honor Society

Courtesy photo

The inductees into the Sunrise Christian Academy National Honor Society stand with advisor Peggy O'Donnell (far left), Sunrise Principal Robert Lindsted (far right) and Bel Aire Mayor Harold Smith (second from right). The inductees were members of the fifth induction ceremony since NHS began at Sunrise in April 2006.



Egg hunt

Kids hunt for Easter eggs on the lawn of City Hall on April 4 in Bel Aire. The eggs contained prizes such as money and candy. The event was the first in a series of events called the Four Seasons in Central Park and even featured a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Courtesy photos

Boy becomes honorary firefighter

County station helps 7-year-old's dream come true

By Chris Hunter

"Is the food done, rookie?" hollered firefighter Clyde Berg. "I am getting hungry."

Sitting in the chair next to the stove, the newest member of the Sedgwick County Fire Department's station No. 32 smiled. Despite the chores, he was living a dream.

While not your typical "rookie," 7-year old Braeden Gilbert is as tough as they come. And he's used to fighting battles.

Gilbert was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia two weeks before his fifth birthday in April 2007.

"He has weekly doctors visits, he has a catheter in his chest, he takes pills every night, sometimes we have to administer IV medicine, and he is weak so he gets sick easily," said Gilbert's mother, Brandie Lassiter. "He gets everything that comes around."

Lassiter said Gilbert still undergoes weekly chemotherapy, despite being in remission, and that his disease has an 85 percent cure rate.

Gilbert was named the Kansas Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 2009 Little Boy of the Year. Gilbert said he always wanted to be a firefighter.

A subsequent story about Gilbert that appeared in "Splurge" magazine caught Berg's attention.

"I read the story in 'Splurge' and said, 'I can do this for this kid,'" Berg said. "His dream was to become a firefighter. I think it is important that someone helps him. I knew I could do this with the guys I work with. We can do anything."

Berg and the members of the department made the first-grader from Wichita's Griffith Elementary an honorary fire-



Photos by Chris Hunter

Phoenix firefighter Bob Walp helps Braeden Gilbert, 7, with his uniform after being named honorary firefighter of the day. Gilbert, who is battling leukemia, has always wanted to be a fireman and Sedgwick County firefighters followed the example Walp set 28 years ago when he did the same thing for a child in Phoenix.

fighter for a day on his birthday on April 17.

"We had an assembly at the school and he didn't know it was happening," Berg said. "It was playing out that he would come with us and ride on the engine and report to duty."

Lassiter said it was hard to keep the surprise from her son.

"I have been waiting for weeks for this," Lassiter said.

"We wanted to keep it a surprise for him, which was hard."

Berg said Gilbert would not

just sit around the station away from the action.

"He will be with the crew all day," Berg said. "(He will) eat with them and if we get calls he will go out on them. We are hoping to get a house fire today. He will put bunker gear on and wear safety gear. He is going to be treated like one of the other brothers here."

After arriving from school



Lt. Darin House shows Braeden Gilbert around Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 32 after Gilbert arrived via fire engine from his school, Griffith Elementary. Gilbert spent the day with House and other firefighters, living the life of a firefighter, including fighting a real fire at a training facility.



Braeden Gilbert and his mother Brandie Lassiter step out of a fire engine after arriving at Sedgwick County Fire Station No. 32 in Park City.

on a fire engine and talking over the radio, Gilbert was given a tour of the station where he met up with other members of the department.

"Let's go meet your other brothers," Berg told Gilbert after stepping off of the engine.

After his tour, Gilbert was in for more surprises.

Firefighters and mechanics presented him with plaques

and even a replica of the fire engines.

"Is this like Christmas?" asked Sedgwick County Fire Marshal Tim Millspaugh.

"It is like my birthday," Gilbert said to laughter.

But Gilbert was in for another surprise.

Berg and other firefighters were able to get in touch with Phoenix firefighter Bob Walp who had done the same thing for child dying of leukemia 28 years earlier.

"We did this 28 years ago with a kid named Bopsy, Frank Salazar," Walp said. "He was the first Make-A-Wish kid. Now the Make-A-Wish is worldwide. This is pretty much the same story as Bopsy. He had leukemia and had been in remission a few times. We got a helmet and a badge. They did a good job here. He rode on calls with us. Everything they are doing, we did 28 years

ago."

Walp, whose anniversary was the same day, was brought into town by the department, but did not know about it until almost a month ago.

Walp opened a box as Gilbert looked on. The contents of the box would surprise the young firefighter.

"The uniform is my favorite part," Gilbert said after trying on the gear.

Walp presented Gilbert with his own bunker gear, complete with fitted helmet and boots.

"This is awesome," Walp said. "It will be the highlight of his life. He is a nice kid. He is just a genuine good kid. Just to see the smile on his face when I helped him put his bunker gear on, he was just ecstatic."

Berg had the uniform customized to fit Gilbert and had received help from across the nation.

"A guy in Kentucky made the helmet badge," Berg said. "This was online through a Web site I belong to called Fire and Iron and I had everyone trying to pitch in and help. It went across the nation."

After the gifts and lunch, Gilbert did get the call to duty.

Gilbert went out and put out a fire at a department training facility in the north part of the county, but his battles are from over.

"For 7 years old, he will fight more battles than we will in our lifetimes," Berg said. "He has the courage to fight. It will show the character and what you do for others. Maybe this will inspire people to help other people and make awareness. Leukemia is a disease that touches all walks of life. This could be their kid or their grandkid."

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